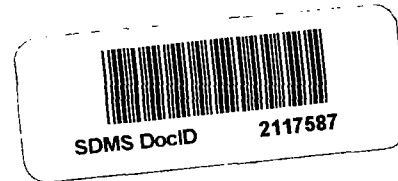


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Senator Charles S. Robb
United States Senate
Russell Senate Office Building
First and Constitution Avenue, NE
Room 154
Washington, D.C. 20510-4603

Dear Senator Robb:

Thank you for your letter of November 9, 1998 on behalf of your constituent, Mr. Roy Perry-Bey, regarding the Old Norfolk Manufactured Gas Coal Gasification Plant (Site) in Norfolk, Virginia.

We have searched our files and databases and have discovered a site known as the Norfolk Town Gas Site. Although the Site name is different, we believe that this Site is the one that your constituent has referenced. According to our records, the Agency conducted a Preliminary Assessment on the Site in 1983. At that time we decided that no further action was warranted. Since a significant period has passed since our last evaluation of the Site, we will reopen the case and initiate an investigation into environmental conditions at the Site. In addition, our Regional Response Center staff will enter the information provided by Mr. Perry-Bey into the Emergency Response Notification System. We will coordinate any investigations with the Commonwealth of Virginia's Department of Environmental Quality.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or have your staff contact Mr. Michael D'Andrea, Office of Communications and Government Relations, at 215-814-5615.

Sincerely,

W. Michael McCabe
Regional Administrator

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